

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF APPLICATION OF SOUTH)	
CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY TO)	
MODIFY ESSX SERVICE, FOR)	
CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF PROPOSED)	CASE NO. 10212
SECTION P12 AND TO PROVIDE LATE)	
FLEXIBILITY)	
)	
THE TARIFF FILING OF SOUTH CENTRAL)	
BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY TO ESTABLISH)	CASE NO. 10218
MEGALINK CHANNEL SERVICE)	

O R D E R

On April 29, 1988, MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI") filed a Motion to Consolidate the above captioned cases. On May 12, 1988, South Central Bell Telephone Company ("SCB") filed a response to MCI's Motion to Consolidate.

As reason for its Motion, "MCI states that there appears to be common pricing issues in the Megalink Tariff which is the subject of Case No. 10218 and the ESSX Service Tariff in Case No. 10212."¹ Furthermore, MCI contends that consolidation will not unduly delay the investigation or resolution of pricing issues.²

¹ MCI Motion to Consolidate, page 1.

² Ibid., pages 1-2.

SCB opposes consolidation of the cases on the ground that "there are no common issues because the services are so different."³ SCB explains that ESSX Service is a central office-based switched access service,⁴ while Megalink Channel Service is a private line service.⁵ Finally, SCB states that the Megalink Channel Service tariff filing is less complicated than the ESSX Service tariff filing and, therefore, consolidation of the cases will unnecessarily delay a decision on Megalink Channel Service.⁶

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that the cases should not be consolidated. Although there may be pricing issues common to ESSX Service and Megalink Channel Service, clearly they are distinct types of services and raise distinct issues beyond the question of pricing. Furthermore, separate tracts should result in smoother case management for all concerned.

Accordingly, the above finding is HEREBY ORDERED.

³ SCB Response to MCI Motion to Consolidate, page 1.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid., page 2.

⁶ Ibid.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of May, 1988.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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